[*English*]

Consignment Agencies of VSP

2325. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI: Will the Ministar of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) wether any applications were received by the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant for appointment of consignment Agencies from various parts of the country;

(b) whether there is any reservation for SCs/STs and displaced persons for these Agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Impact of Landslide on Pilang River

*2326. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the course of the river Pilang originating from Uttarkashi has been blocked due to landslide; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ward off the threat posed to public life?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Pilang stream, which carries a small discharge of 2.5 cumec in this period and meets Bhagirathi river about 25 km upstream of Maneri project, was blocked by landslide for about 12 hours on 7.11.1991.

(b) The blockage got cleared by itself through self-erosion process. There was a small fall of 0.75 m in level of reservoir at Maneri due to this blockage upto midnight of 7.11.1991 when level started rising again due to clearance of the blockage. Since the stream discharge was very low and the project authorities at Maneri were fully alert, there was no cause for any concern at any stage.

[*English*]

Cancellation of LPG Agencies

2327. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies sanctioned during November, 1990 to March, 1991;

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons among them;

(c) whether most of these sanctions have been cancelled later on due to irregularities in the procedure of sanctioning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) 21 including these allotted under discretionary quota of the Government.

(b) Two.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Recovery of dues by CIL from States

2328. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: